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1939 DUCK STAMP DESIGN ANNOUNCED

The new "duck stamp" to be issued on July 1 for the year 1939-40, sixth in a series chosen each year from the hoard of a well-known artist, will be from a drawing by Lynn Bogue Hunt, says the U. S. Biological Survey. It will succeed designs by J. N. (Ding) Darling, Frank W. Benson, Richard Bishop, J. D. Knap, and Roland Clark.

Mr. Hunt has chosen for his subject a male and female green-winged teal standing at a marsh edge. In the background five teal are descending for a landing.

The "duck stamp" inaugurated in 1934 has become familiar to all migratory waterfowl hunters and to philatelists and conservationists throughout the country. Nearly twice the size of a special delivery stamp, it costs one dollar. Migratory waterfowl hunters over 16 are required by law to carry the stamp, validated by their signature. The stamp does not take the place of a hunting license.

Available at first and second-class postoffices, the "duck stamp" may be purchased singly, in blocks, or in complete sheets of 28 stamps. Unsold issues are required by law to be destroyed after the year of issue has expired and can then be obtained only from stamp collectors, dealers, and others willing to part with them.

The money realized from "duck stamps" is used by the U. S. Bureau of Biological Survey to supplement other funds for the purchase and maintenance of

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waterfowl refuges throughout the country! Ninety percent of this "duck stamp" fund goes for this purpose, while the remainder is used for printing and distribution of stamps, administrative purposes of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, and other Federal acts relative to migratory bird conservation.

In 1934-35, the first year of issue, 635,000 stamps were sold, last year the total came to more than 783,000, and already in the current year more than 900,000 stamps have been purchased by hunters, bird lovers, and philatelists throughout the country. Since 1934 more than \$3,000,000 has been obtained in this way.

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(Editors: Photographs of the duck stamp are available for publications.)

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